



Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Lumane Pluviose-Claude, Deputy City Manager

Date: November 13, 2012

RE: ADOPTION OF 2013 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING AND COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council adopt the attached resolution adopting the 2013 Legislative Funding and Community Budget requests.

BACKGROUND

The attached documents reflect the city of North Miami's proposed 2013 Legislative Funding and Community Budget requests.

Attachment

Proposed Resolution
Proposed Legislative Funding Requests (Exhibit 1)
Proposed Community Budget Request (Exhibit 2)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING AND COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUESTS, WHICH ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY'S STATE REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION DURING THE 2013 FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, as a function of the City of North Miami ("City") state legislative program, the City administration has prepared a list of legislative agenda funding appropriation and community budget requests needed to fund various departments and City public projects; and

WHEREAS, the City administration respectfully requests that the Mayor and City Council approve the legislative agenda funding and community budget requests presented hereto for adoption, in the best interest of the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Adoption of Legislative Agenda Funding Requests.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby approve and adopt the City's Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Legislative Funding and Community Budget requests, which are to be presented to the City's State Representatives for their consideration during the 2013 Florida Legislative Session, attached hereto as "Exhibit A".

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of November, 2012.

ANDRE D. PIERRE, ESQ.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Andre D. Pierre, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Vice Mayor Marie Erlande Steril	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Michael R. Blynn, Esq.	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Scott Galvin	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)
Councilperson Jean R. Marcellus	_____ (Yes)	_____ (No)

**CITY OF NORTH MIAMI
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FUNDING REQUESTS
2013**

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Match</u>
Gravity Sanitary Sewer System Improvements This item requests funding to install a lining system to reduce inflow and infiltration (I/I) into the gravity sanitary sewer system. This reduction will increase capacity of the system and at the Miami-Dade Sewage Treatment Facility allowing better service to all residents.	\$2,000,000	\$666,666
Sanitary Sewer Force Main Improvements This item requests funding to design and upgrade an existing 16" asbestos pipe to a 20" ductile iron pipe. The existing pipe is approximately 40 years old and close to capacity with major growth in the area expected. This line is essential for the removal of all sanitary sewer in the commercial and residential area along Biscayne Boulevard east of the Florida East Coast Railroad tracks.	\$1,000,000	\$300,000
Winson Water Plant This item requests funding for upgrades to the Winson Water Treatment Plant located at Sunkist Grove. This plant is over fifty years old and no major upgrades have been done. The City's consultant has proposed a cost of Twenty-Five Million Dollars for a complete upgrade.	\$2,000,000	\$666,666
Water Line Improvements/Upgrades This item requests funding for the replacement of our transmission piping which ranges in sizes from six inches to 24 inches. These lines are approximately fifty years old and were constructed with transite or asbestos cement piping. The City's distribution system is over 300 miles of piping that service over eighty thousand ...	\$2,000,000	\$666,666

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Cagni Park Lighting Lighting is required for the baseball field, softball field, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, racquetball courts, and skate area. Pedestrian lighting for the interior of the park is also required. These lights will illuminate the pathways within the only center City park at night.	\$750,000	
North Bayshore Park Boardwalk and Outpost Badly damaged during Hurricane Wilma, this boardwalk has been closed to the public. Its reconstruction will allow people throughout the City to once again enjoy the great beauty of one of the few remaining open spaces along Biscayne Bay and everything the intra-coastal has to offer.	\$400,000	
Library Renovation This project proposes new and more efficient lighting, plus remodeling the current reference area to create community meeting spaces. In addition, it proposes placing benches and a garden outside the library to create an inviting and beautiful community environment.	\$300,000	
TOTAL	\$8,450,000	\$2,299,998

COMMUNITY BUDGET REQUEST

Background Information

The City of North Miami and its surrounding communities are culturally diverse with large concentrations of immigrant populations from the Caribbean and Latin America. The demographic makeup of the City is 63% Black or African-American (of this, 31% is Haitian and 23% is Hispanic), 30% White, 2% Asian, and 5% other.

After the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the City has experienced an influx of families and young adults that has increased demands on educational, social and health services. These children require support to build language and literacy skills and engage in appropriate activities that will enable them to develop successful social skills.

In terms of education, North Miami has a 25% high school dropout rate, with only half of third graders that attend six elementary schools scoring at grade level (Level 3) or above on the 2009 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) reading portion. Economically, the median household income in North Miami is \$36,597, which is 21% below the poverty level.

Additionally, according to North Miami's ACHIEVE Community Action Plan, 20% of the City's youth is considered overweight or obese. The majority of children enrolled in City programs are, therefore, of low-income, at-risk, or health-compromised populations.

E. May Avil Municipal Public Library Project Description

1. *Library Learning Center*

The project will offer computer instruction on high demand library services, such as, job search, how to file e-forms, access government services, filling online job applications, opening an email account, writing a resume, and other skills. The program will also offer much needed afterschool homework assistance and reading guidance. A training manual will be created in English, French Creole, and Spanish. Highly skilled personnel will be hired to develop and conduct the training, as well as lead the After School Program. **Total funds requested for the program is: \$80,600.**

2. *Targeted Reading Afterschool Program*

The goal of this program is to increase the reading and comprehension levels of participants, thus, help them score higher on the FCAT and improve school

performance. Besides, the program will also have a homework assistance and cultural enrichment component. Certified teachers assisted by volunteers will lead the Targeted Reading and homework parts of the program. Participants' progress will be measured by pre-tests and post-tests, as well as by progress reports. **Total funds requested for the program is: \$96,000.00**

3. *Library Renovation and Collections*

The library is a key City agency and a focal point for community education. In order to fulfill its mission, the North Miami Library needs up-to-date collections to support adult learners, students, schools, child care centers, and the elderly. The library also needs to provide a warm, spacious, and friendly environment, a place for gathering, meeting, and studying. This project proposes new and more efficient lighting, plus remodeling the current reference area to create community meeting spaces. In addition, benches and a garden outside the library will be created to provide an inviting and beautiful community environment. **Total funds request for the program is: \$300,000**

Parks and Recreation Department Project Description

4. North Miami Learn-to-Swim Program

Many of the City's and surrounding communities' youth do not have regular access to pools or other large bodies of water, thus, have never learned the basics of how to swim. The Learn-to-Swim Program will allow the City to offer reduced rate lessons and scholarships to children between the ages of 3 to 14 enrolled in the program.

This program will be offered in 2-week sessions from April through September, with a student to instructor ratio of 5 to 1. We would anticipate serving 800 individuals through the basic program and an additional 280 summer camp participants.

The total estimated cost for the forty 2-week Learn-to-Swim classes and lessons for children enrolled in the City's summer camp program is \$110,000, but **the City's total funds requested for the program is: \$70,000.**

5. LEARN North Miami Summer Program

North Miami's Literacy, Engagement, Activities, Relationships and Nutrition (LEARN) Summer Program offers activities, including literacy, physical fitness, social skill building, and nutrition education to children between the ages of 6 to 14. Children enrolled in the program are provided with breakfast, lunch, field trips, and swimming lessons.

The total estimated cost for the 9-week LEARN Summer Camp Program is estimated at \$450,000. The City will provide an in-kind contribution to offset facility related expenses. **The City's total funds requested for the program is: \$270,000.**

6. Cagni Park Lighting

In order to bring new public schools to North Miami, the City provided the Miami-Dade County School Board with land that previously housed a community center, fire station, park, and pool. The School Board was obligated to construct the park amenities that previously existed, but without the lighting required in order to provide access to outdoor physical activity during evening hours.

This is the only athletic complex in the center of the City. Lighting is required for the baseball field, softball field, basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, racquetball courts, and skate area. Pedestrian lighting for the interior of the park is also required. **The City's total funds requested for the project is: \$750,000.**

7. North Bayshore Park Boardwalk and Outpost

North Bayshore Park is located on the Intracoastal Waterway at NE 123 Street and is the City's only public space along the waterway. The existing boardwalk was badly damaged during Hurricane Wilma and had to be closed to the public. Additionally, this would be an ideal location for an outpost to launch canoes and kayaks.

Funds are being requested to reconstruct the boardwalk; this will allow people of the surrounding community and throughout the City to once again enjoy the great beauty of one of the few remaining open spaces along Biscayne Bay. **The total estimated cost for the boardwalk restoration project and the outpost and launch facility is: \$500,000.**